

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 642

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Texas Lyme Disease Association and Texans across the state in observing May of 2017 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Lyme Disease infects more than 300,000 people in the United States each year; it is transmitted by the common black-legged tick, which is found in nearly half of all counties in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Lyme Disease is a complex multisystem illness that, if left untreated, can invade the nervous system, the heart, and other organs and can cause years of pain and suffering, disability, and even death; its symptoms can manifest as a wide range of other illnesses, including arthritis, migraine headaches, multiple sclerosis, and various neurological disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, It is important to educate the public about the signs, symptoms, treatment, and prevention of this disease, and Lyme Disease Awareness Month presents a fitting opportunity to raise awareness about the dangers of this potentially deadly disease; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Lyme Disease Association for its advocacy efforts and proclaim the month of May 2017 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Texas; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the association as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate